RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : Yes. It has been ordered that the question of developing the Port cannot be taken up by Government unless satisfactory guarantees of minimum tonnage are forthcoming from importers and exporters.

Bridge at Poovar.

54. ***MR. M. KESAVA PANICKAR** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the necessity for constructing a bridge at Poovar across the Neyyar river, in the Neyyattinkara taluk;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal for the construction of the bridge ; and

(*c*) how it stands at present ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The member is referred to question No. 71 in pages 488 and 489 of Vol. X No. 8 of the proceedings of the Sri Chitra State Council.

Statement, by community, of Ayurvedic Physicians in the State.

55. ***MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement, by community, of Ayurvedic Physicians in the State ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : The *statement is laid on the table.

Scheduled rates of boat hire for the Alleppey Port.

56. ***MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMAN KUNJU** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when they last passed the schedule rates of boat hire for the port of Alleppey ;

(*b*) what are the schedule rates of the various commodities;

(*c*) whether the rates of boat hire now paid by landing agents and exporters are uniform for the various commodities to the different boat owners ?

MR. K. PARAMESVARA PANICKAR (*Secretary to Government*). (*a*) In October 1922.

(*b*) The member is referred to the rates published in the Travancore Almanac and Directory for 1937, pages 692 to 695.

(*c*) It is a matter of agreement between the landing agents or exporters and the boat owners or contractors.

Public holiday in commemoration of the Temple Entry Proclamation.

57. * **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have considered the desirability of making one day in every year a public holiday in consideration of the everlasting importance of the historic Temple Entry Proclamation ; and

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